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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3194
INFO AMCONSUL BRISBANE

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TAGS: PINT, ECON, AS
SUBJECT: QUEENSLAND GOVERN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CONTROL DATA
BRIBERY CASE

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CONSULATE BRISBANE
IS REPEATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ACTION

2. THE ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE
QUEENSLAND TREASURY DEPARTMENT, MR. KEVIN LEYSHON, TELEPHONED
THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER MAY 3 AT THE BEHEST
OF QUEENSLAND DEPUTY PREMIER AND TREASURER W.E. KNOX TO ASK
QUOTE WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO FIND OUT WHETHER ANY AUSTRALIAN
OFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED ENDQUOTE IN THE CONTROL DATA BRIBERY
CASE. MR LEYSHON SAID KNOX'S INQUIRY WAS PROMPTED BY AN
ARTICLE IN THE MAY 2 ISSUE OF THE AUSTRALIAN REPORTING THAT
CONTROL DATA PLEADED GUILTY TO THREE COUNTS OF BRIBING
FOREIGN OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO SELL COMPUTERS. ACCORDING TO
THE ARTICLE, THE DECISION OF THE COURT (WHICH WAS NOT
IDENTIFIED) DID NOT NAME EITHER THE OFFICIALS OR COUNTRIES
INVOLVED.

3. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER INFORMED MR. LEYSHON THAT HIS
REQUEST WOULD BE RELAYED TO THE EMBASSY IN CANBERRA BUT
EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT IF THE COURT DID NOT SEE FIT
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TO MAKE THE INFORMATION PUBLIC IT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO
THE STATE DEPARTMENT EITHER. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER ALSO
SUGGESTED TO MR. LEYSHON THAT HIS DEPARTMENT ALSO APPROACH
THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OR THE AUSTRALIAN
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CANBERRA FOR ASSISTANCE
IN OBTAINING THE INFORMATION IT IS SEEKING.

4. FOR THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION: THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT
HAS IN THE PAST PURCHASED CONTROL COMPUTERS FOR USE
BY TAB, SGIO AND CERTAIN HOSPITALS.
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